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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR MEMBERS,

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR SO FAR. ATTENDED LOCAL SHOWS AT SANTA ROSA AND CUPERTINO WITH GREAT TURNOUTS. TYPE COINS ARE ON THE RISE, AS MY POCKET BOOK SHOWS. I HAVE STARTED SEATED LIBERTY, AND BUST HALF DOLLARS, NOT TO MENTION THE SEATED LIBERTY DOLLARS. THE HUNT FOR THESE COINS HAS BEEN GREAT. RECENTLY ATTENDED THE ANA PORTLAND NATIONAL MONEY SHOW. WITNESSED THE DISPLAYS OF TWO 1913 LIBERTY HEAD NICKELS,THE 1866 DUPONT DOLLAR AND THE 1794 FLOWING HAIR DOLLAR WERE THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS. OUTSIDE THE CONVENTION CENTER OFFERED SOME NICE RESTRAUNTS.

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE RON MILLER AWARD, PLEASE SEE DETAILS ELSE IN THIS ISSUE. DEADLINE IS 30 JUNE AT MY HOME ADDRESS 2107 GILL DRIVE CONCORD CA 94520-2232

THE HOBBY IS FLOURISHING, I AM SEEING MORE QUALITY COINS SHOWING UP AT LOCAL SHOWS. PRECIOUS METALS ARE ON THE RISE.

NORCAL V IS FILLING UP THE BOURSE FLOOR AND ONLOY A FEW TABLES REAMIN SEE VINCE IF YOU INTEND ON DOING THIS SHOW. COINVINCE@AOL.COM.

WITH THIS ISSUE YOU WILL BE RECEIVING TWO (2) BOOKS OF DRAWING TICKETS, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST IN SELLING THESE TO MAKE THIS DRAWING SUCCESSFUL.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS AT THE VALLEJO SHOW 2 MAY 2004 3 PM

INITIAL PLANNING STAGES FOR AN ANA SHOW IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR 2012 ARE IN THE WORKS. I AM HOPING FOR SEVERAL BAYAREA CLUBS TO ASSIST AS HOST CLUBS.

YOURS IN NUMISMATIC'S

MIKE STANLEY
PRESIDENT

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

For twenty-three (23) years, yours has toiled and typed----*using a word no longer in the dictionaries it seems*----NCNA HEADS AND TALES, and to paraphrase the legendary Douglas MacArthur, 'the world has turned many times' since my first Issue, back in April 1981.

Yet, in all these years, in all the hours sacrificed in preparation, in all the increases in postage, in the changes in printers, and in our own Association, one constant, one stability, and one consistency remains, endures, and it is the those "quiet type of guys (and gals)" that are always are there, are always doing the chores and jobs, and always making our hobby alive.

Yes, many of my MINTMASTER'S QUILLS echo and reiterate this theme, and the January 2004 issue certainly and concretely retorted this theme.

But, it is when I----*changing to the First Person*----read those twenty or so local coin club newsletters and bulletins that it strikes, and strikes hard and true. I might rely on my false command of words and verbiage----*brevity never being a trait of mine*----to expound, again and again, this theme.

Yet again, it is someone else who towers and reminds the crushing power of human life and the cruelty that is quotation of mine: "people collect coins; coins do not collect people". Our hobby is people. Fishing is one man against an unseen trout. Golf is one man and the three hundred (300) yard fairway drive at Pebble Beach. Jogging is only me alone hitting the pavement.

Coins is people, not the people on the coins, although they can be interesting in themselves and usually are, witness the revised history of Thomas Jefferson. No, it is the people that collect coins, who celebrate our hobby.

Going back to my thought, that someone was the editor of the Gateway Coin Club and in its April 2004 COINNECTIONS, and his or her simple and sure eulogy to the deceased "quiet type of guy" that was Richard Hills.

Our hobby is filled with hundreds----*nay, thousands*----of Richard Hills. Their names are legend. Mr. Hill never earned an award, while never ceasing in his thirty (30) years of "quiet" devotion to the Gateway (Merced, California) Coin Club.

The same stands for the living, not to be cruel, when Randy Clifton, Editor of the Fresno Numismatic Society's FRESNO NUMISMATIST spoke of Dennis Olswang when that Society recently honoring him. Mr. Clifton's words weight heavily and truthfully when he praised that Mr.. Olswang had been always: "All without being asked to".

Yes, readers, I write too much on this theme. Yet, readers, these, living and deceased, made and make our hobby. My poor words here are the only testimony and tribute that hundreds----*nay, thousands*----shall ever bestowed. Thus, let it be written, from me, here and now:

Thanks, Mr. Hill. Thanks, Mr. Olswang. Thanks Always.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NOR-CAL V, December 4 and 5, 2004

The January 2004 NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue announced, after a long hiatus, that our Association has contracted and scheduled its **Nor-Cal V Coin Show** for later this year. As this issue goes to press, not much has been arranged, save the following:

Bourse Coordinator Vincent O. Lacariere, dba *'Fremont Coin Gallery, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite #L, Fremont, California, 94536-3758'*, has begun selling and reserving tables, and prospective coin dealers are welcomed to contact him, via his coin shop or telephone at *'510-792-1511'* or e-mail at coinvince@aol.com. Early response is urged, as the Nor-Cal V is anticipated to 'sell-out' soon.

Drawing Coordinator Gordon R. Donnell has begun distributing Show Drawing tickets, and enclosed to Association Individual Members are two (2) Drawing Ticket Books. Whatever you sell, or buy, with each book valued at $5.00, would be appreciated. *Note:* Since it would be appropriate for the Society's Individual Members to respond to this appeal, Drawing Ticket books were enclosed only to NCNA Individual Members, **not** the Club Members. *Also:* Please return sold, or bought, Drawing Tickets directly to Mr. Donnell at *'PO Box 20372, Oakland, California, 9420-0372'*. Request for additional ticket books may be contacted via same post office box.

Enclosed is a Show flier card, and the September 2004 NCNA HEADS AND TALES should have a full report on the Nor-Cal V activities and events: Youth Table, collector meetings, Show Dinner, etc.

2004 Miller Medal

As President Michael M. Stanley mentioned in his President's Message, it is time, required by its Charter, to announce and to solicit written nominations for the Association's coveted *'Miller Medal'*, its *'Ron Miller Memorial Award'*, open to all Individual and Club Members to submit nominations.

In summary, to quote directly from the Charter's Article III---Eligibility and Criteria, Section 1, *"Any **active** coin hobbyist residing within California at least five (5) full years prior with a verified record of service and support—significant and substantial involvement and interest—in numismatics may be nominated"*. Continuing, Article III, Section 5 states: *"The criteria shall be: superior, sustained, and significant support and service to numismatics and its coin hobby and/or devotion and dedication, consistent and meritorious, to numismatic organizations"*. Deadline for written nominations----*and only nominations written and signed shall be considered*----is **June 30, 2004**.

Note: The Board of Directors has judged the adjective 'active' to be **imperative**, and the deadline date, June 30th, to be **mandatory**. *Also:* Copies of the governing Charter, as it is titled, can be requested from *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*.

Discussions and debates in the selection and decision of the recipients of this esteemed and honored Memorial Award have been, in the past, intense, candid, and exhaustive. In submitting nominations, please be complete and candid. The more evidence, and the more rational one's arguments, would assist in the deliberations and decision. *Thank You.*

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Welcome! Here is a summary of what has been happening at and with the local coin clubs in our northern California region. It has been my pleasure, and pain, to do this column, for these many years, and some local coin club newsletter/bulletin editors are still 'at the typewriter' these many years: Fred G. van den Haak with the Peninsula (Palo Alto, California) Coin Club's untitled newsletter, Syd Kass with the Delta (Stockton, California) Coin Club's NEWSLETTER, and Jan D. Henke with the Solano (California) Silver Round Club's SILVER NOTES, to name those who come readily to thought. My point is that it is a unique person and hobby participant who serve as a local coin club editor, and there are two new ones in our region, as shall be read. As usual, local coin clubs are urged to mail their respective monthly newsletters/bulletins----*presently all within northern California seem to be a monthly frequency*----to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*. Remember, your Editor doubles as the Assistant Editor for the newly established joint CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC).

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB Continues to meet on the Second Tuesday in the Veterans Building, 2203 Central, at Oak, on Alameda, California. This issue should be mailed before the May 23, 2004 Sunday, which is the date for this Club's Coin Show, to be held in the Boys and Girls Gym on the campus of Alameda High School, 2220 Central Avenue, one block west of Park Street, and entry via Oak Street, on Alameda, California. As can be read, this Club's monthly meeting place and coin show site are within a few blocks of each. An interesting Show 'n Tell was shared by BEN MALIA at the Club's March 9, 2004 meeting among his political items: "a refund check from PG&E for One Cent". Readers, Your Editor is sure that many of you have like small cent-only remittances. Yet, do you really understand the cost of these 'cents-only' remittances? PG&E----*'pigs, goats, and elephants', to many*---- would have saved money if it just risked mailing a single Lincoln Cent! Information on the ACC may be telephoned to either GORDON R. DONNELL at *'510-547-0158'* or BOB STURN at *'925-825-4261'*.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Has a new Editor, hopefully permanently, and it is JIM MENSCH, or as he signed himself in the recent COIN PRESS issues: "Editor For Now". Mr. MENSCH replaces AL LO, who has had several long years at its COIN PRESS' Editor, earning "a rest for his publishing duties for the Cupertino Coin Club". Good Luck, JIM! February 13, 2004 meeting heard BRUCE BRAGA speaking on 'Love Tokens': "giving us an introduction to Love Tokens, why these were made, and a little history and anecdotes. His talk was a great success, everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy it very much". Earlier, at the January 9, 2004 meeting, BILL BURKE spoke on *'Philippine Currency'*: "BILL's talk, a combination of Philippine History and Philippine currency, was both educational and interesting. His examples of Philippine currency were also very beautiful". The CCC has elected new Officers, and they are: BILL BURKE, President, RICHARD BOSTON Vice-President, EMILY BURNS, Junior Vice-President, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Treasurer, BRUCE BRAGA, Corresponding Secretary, RAY NIBLETT, Recording Secretary, with AL LO, Historian. Your Editor, in his capacity as the Youth Numismatist Coordinator for the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and as the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Regional Coordinator, did a combination 'Youth and Information Table' at the Club's Sunday, February 15, 2004 Coin Show, which was reported in the April 6, 2004 NUMISMATIC NEWS issue, on page 32: "MICHAEL S. TURRINI, ANA Regional Coordinator and CSNA Youth Numismatist Coordinator, ran a Youth Table this year. He set up some very informative exhibits and provided youths with State Quarter Boards, courtesy of the United States Mint, and CSNA provided free State Quarters so everyone who got the free boards could begin their collection, with the reaction overwhelming positive! Thanks, MR. TURRINI for a Great Job! In addition, the first twenty-five (25) youths received a $5.00 coupon redeemable at any bourse dealer table. Next year, be sure to bring those youths that you know and would love to get into the action".

DELTA COIN CLUB As reported in the January 2004 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, the Club instituted a new honor at its January 9, 2004 Annual Dinner, held in the Banquet Room of Stockton, California's legendary UJs Restaurant. With an attendance of over fifty-five (55) members and guests, President WILLIAM E. HORNING presented the first-ever 'Elden Enzminger Memorial Award'. Two of these framed citations were bestowed upon LORIS ENZMINGER, longtime DCC Treasurer, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, respected northern

California coin celebrant and hobby activist. Attending this Annual Dinner was six of the Club's twelve living Honorary Life Members: NORM PRUITT, who is the Club's Founder, SYD KASS, LORIS ENZMINGER, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, and RUBEN SMITH, III. Speaking of Mr. PRUITT, discovered in the copious archives and files of the MICHAEL S. TURRINI, was the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) CALCOIN NEWS issue for January 1959, Volume XIII, Number 1, which provided a short biography of NORMAN F. PRUITT, who was to be CSNA's Stockton, California 1960 Spring Convention Chairperson. SYD KASS, longtime DCC Editor, reproduced this 'Who's Who In California Numismatics' in the DCC's April 2004 NEWSLETTER. Also, SYD KASS 'pitched-hit' for Your Editor and spoke on *'Lincoln Cent Identification'* at the Club's March 26, 2004 meeting. Going back, Mr. PRUITT, using the American Numismatic Association (ANA) Membership Directory, learned of fifteen (15) fellow ANA Members living then in the Stockton, Lodi, and Tracy area, and he called and contacted these, forming and founding the Club in January 1956.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY All that has been received is a April 1, 2004 News Release announcing the Society's Eighth (8th) Annual Contra Costa Coin Show for Sunday, November 14, 2004, hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, on the main floor of the Veterans' Memorial Building, in the Assembly Room, 2290 Willow Pass Road, at Colfax, in downtown Concord, California. Information on this one-day Show may be contacted at *'925-825-0649'* or to xstearmerx@aol.com.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Began 2004 hearing Your Editor speak on the *'Baltimore Gold Coin Find'*, a discovery in 1934 of over $10,000.00, in face value United States Gold Coins, all dated before 1856 in a Baltimore, Maryland home's cellar, by two youngsters. At this same meeting, the Club elected its 2004 Executive Officers, and they are: RUSSELL LEACH, President, ROBERT W. BELLEAU, SR., Vice-President, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Secretary, plus Editor of its monthly FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM, and DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Treasurer. For his service as the Club's President these previous four years, now Past President WILLIAM F. BARTZ was honored at the Club's March 24, 2004 meeting with 'Mr. Bartz Night'. The Club presented him a nice engraved walnut wall plaque, and four members contributed to 'Bill Bashing': "DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, with the Republican viewpoint, ERNEST E. DRAKE, with $10.00, JAN D. HENKE, with medals and jokes, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, with a saga of a book". Folks, You Had To Attend and Listen To Understand These Comments! Only one problem: the intended cake failed to show! BILL's wife and two grown sons attended to witness his presentation and 'Bashing'. The FCC also announces its 2004 Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, its Fifteenth (15th) Annual, for Sunday, September 12, 2004, again at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield, California's downtown civic center area. This year's Show has a new Bourse Coordinator, and it is ROBERT TEDDER, who replaced the previously announced BILL BARTZ. Mr. TEDDER may be contacted via the Club at *'PO Box 994, Fairfield, California, 94533-0094'*. E-mails may be to EMPERORI@juno.com with telephone calls to *'707-427-0482'*. The Club held its 'Annual Other Hobbies Night' at its April 28, 2004; however, a roster of the participants was not possible, since NCNA HEADS AND TALES was submitted to the printer before this date. This Club shall join its neighbors, the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) and the Vallejo Numismatic Society, on Saturday, July 3, 2004 with its first-intended annual 'Joe Sirois Memorial Fly-In' at the Napa County Airport, as an annual remembrance for the later JOSEPH R. SIROIS (1941-2003).

FREMONT COIN CLUB This Club's monthly DOUBLE EAGLE has a new Editor, and it is ALISTAIR SKINNER, who began with the March 2004 replacing and granting a well-deserved rest to ROGER LYLES. He has already received very positive comments from AL LUCKE, DENNIS LOTSPEICH, and CAL WILSON. Mr. WILSON was quite active in the FCC decades ago and was a Club Past President, and he sent his regards from his home in Huntsville, Alabama, while looking "forward to some time down the road when he may get a chance to visit the Club again". MR. SKINNER may be reached via alistairs@comcast.net. The FCC's March 9th meeting heard BILL BURKE speak on *'Philippine Currency'----and did not he just speak on that same subject at the Cupertino Coin Club?*----and "he presented an interesting chronology and brief history of United States Philippines currency. BILL brought along examples to show us of various gold-backed notes, emergency notes, and Treasury Certificates, including the post World War Victory Issues. One of BILL's favorites is the 1933 Ten Pesos Note. Pre-1936 currency is apparently very hard to locate, as much of it was burned in 1941 to prevent appropriation by Japanese invaders. A young lady had recently described to BILL how her grandmother had sat around burning these notes". Buried among the Show 'n Tells reported for the Club's February 10, 2004 meeting was "MATT TUTER demonstrated the very fancy packaging that he received with a Five Dollar Louvre medal a colleague had

brought him from France. He found the layered packaging more interesting and probably more expensive than the medal itself!".

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Its Editor RANDY CLIFTON always has something provocative, interesting, or educating. Your Editor reads a lot of newsletters and bulletins, and each has a distinct style or structure, and MR. CLIFTON always seems to set-down to word-process and publish something you want to read: for the April 2004 FRESNO NUMISMATIST, he listed important dates in our nation's coinage, not in a roster or table but in narrative format, making you want to read the next paragraph, all dates and data leading to the reminder that April 13, 2004 was the date for the Society's next intended meeting! He began with "direct from our news room central in southwest Fresno, this is the numismatist report brought to you by your roving correspondent and newsletter Editor". The FNS's March 9, 2004 meeting heard its President JAMES OBLER speak on *'Grading Morgan Dollars'*: "JAMES gave an excellent presentation with grading tips, what to look for in each specific grade, and then all were allowed to test themselves by grading certified examples that had the designated grades blacked-out. Out of a dozen or so examples that he had offered, I [RANDY CLIFTON] got four right , but a lot of these I missed by one number, so I take it as a personal victory". At the earlier February 10, 2004 meeting, President JAMES OBLER bestowed the Society's 'Nummie Award' "for the member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for the year 2003", and it was to DENNIS OLSWANG: "DENNIS is one person who really deserves this award for going unnoticed and unassuming in his duties for the Society. In addition to helping-out with the Show every year, he slows up early for each meeting to open the doors and stays later after everyone leaves to clean and to lock-up, all without being asked to. Thank You, DENNIS, for your help. You exemplify the spirit of this award and are most deserving of it". For NCNAers, MR. OLSWANG has been associated and advocated our hobby here in California since the 1960s, both in the San Francisco Bay Area and now in Fresno, California.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB GCC reports that is long-time booster and devoted member, RICHARD HILLS, who doubled as the Secretary with his wife, BEVERLY, always working with her in tandem and rotating the duties, passed away. No date was announced; yet, the April 2004 COINNECTIONS published a moving tribute, quoted here in part: "Some people make big splashes...other small ripples. RICHARD HILLS seemed to be a ripples type of guy, but one you did not forget. I cannot help but think RICHARD, retired United States Navy that he was, would appreciate these allusions...He and BEVERLY traded off the Secretary's job for years: he would serve a term, officially, then she would step-into the title, then he would return to office when the calendar dictated that we needed a different Secretary; all this to keep the Club's leadership policy 'honest'. He was the quiet type of guy who we often failed to realize was there; but, exactly the type of person the Club has needed, for over thirty years, in order to keep going. RICHARD, Thank You So Much From All Of Us". Your Editor----*who has a routine of visiting and speaking before the Gateway Coin Club each July since 1997*----remembers MR. HILLS, always setting with his wife and religiously adhering to his, or her, Secretary's duties. He would welcome me to the meeting, asked how life and career progressed, and spoke of some mutual acquaintance that he and I shared or were related. As the eulogy noted, "the quiet type of guy" always "there" is both true and profound, with a void left. Also, how typical of so many of our unknown and unrecognized coin hobby volunteers was the late MR. HILLS.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Elected its 2004 Officers, and they are: DAVID C. EVANS, President, GORDON R. DONNELL, Vice-President, ROBERT PIPER, Treasurer, GENE C. HOY, Secretary, with MIKE SULAK and GENE HOY, as the Editors of the Society's monthly newsletter. The Society gathered at Hiller Aviation Museum, in San Carlos, California, for its recent April 2, 2004 meeting. Present were two well-known and distant LNS members: DAVID W. LANGE and DAVID F. CIECIENWICZ, both of who were visiting in the area. STU DENTON, a docent at the Museum, again arranged this gathering, and LNS President DAVE EVANS created a 'keepsake' for this annual tour, potluck dinner, and social gathering. Speaking of LNS members, RON JOHNSON, one of the Society's most devoted members, is presently confined to Pacifica Nursing and Rehab Center. It might be mentioned that until his health declined, MR. JOHNSON was a most loyal booster of the neighboring San Francisco Coin Club, habitually arriving early at its old meeting site, unlocking the door, setting-up tables and chairs, and ready the meeting room. Another, MR. HILLS Here, NCNAers. Your Editor is not implying that MR. JOHNSON is passing on; no, he is reminding NCNAers of another "quiet type of guy" always "there". Our hobby has many of these gentlemen and women, so many often not respected nor remembered until the void left. To confirm this

remark, let these words in the February LNS newsletter speak of another "quiet type of guy": "He [MIKE SULAK] had been doing this job for many years".

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Has lost its long-time meeting place in the Livermore Public Library. Current meetings seem to rotate between volunteer member homes. Going back to the LVCC's February 17, 2004 meeting, DONALD R. BARSI spoke on his passion, 1976 California Bicentennial Medals. As reported the Club's year-ending December 2003 Christmas Party, hosted by STEVEN and SHARON KRAMER, "was great! Good food, games and winners, and of course, losers. A lot of folks were on time as was evidenced by the 'On-Time Winners', i.e., CHUCK WHITE, TIM WALLACE, LEOTHA KOSANKE, WENDY BARSI, and STEVEN KRAMER. The Gold Drawing was won by "I'd Rather Be Luck' DONALD R. BARSI. And there were a number of winners at Bingo, with one notable exception". Now, Who Was That Exception?

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY As usual, heard several fine member speakers in recent months; they are: January 28, 2004, ELLIOT WEHNER, *'A Brief History of Military Payment Certificates'*, February 25, 2004, RICK WEBSTER, *'Medieval English Tokens: 1200 to 1425AD'*, and March 24, 2004, KEN TAKAHASHI, *'A Short Geographical Lesson on the Provinces of China and Their Coins'*. Wow! What A Combination of Topics! Changing from speakers and programs, as was reported in the February 2004 BULLETIN, MICHAEL WEHNER, Editor, "a number of PCNS members have recently received numismatic commendations": GORDON R. DONNELL, a PCNS Past President, became in December 2003 a Krause Publication's 'Numismatic Ambassador', MARK W. CLARK earned a 'Regional Coordinator's Citation' from American Numismatic Association (ANA) Regional Coordinator, and PCNS Member, MICHAEL S. TURRINI (regretfully, his award was mistitled 'ANA District Delegate Award'), RUTH M. PHILLIPS, a PCNS Past President, and STEPHEN M. HUSTON, also a PCNS Past President, earned the California State Numismatic Association's (CSNA) coveted Medal of Merit, and, last but not least, ELLIOTT WEHNER claimed a CSNA's Literary Award. Again, Another Wow! Call It: 'PCNS Power'! Congratulations To All!

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Two Notices: One, PCC now meets, unless announced otherwise, in Classroom 140----*the Home Economics/Sewing Lab*----of the Jane Leland Stanford Middle School, titled 'JLS School' for short, at 7:15PM, 408 East Meadow Drive, between Middlefield and Alma/Central Expressway, Palo Alto, California, and Two, respected and long-time member RICHARD DOUGLAS designed the Club's commemorative Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary medal, a jubilee issue. His design denotes the Club was founded in April 1954 in San Carlos, California. Continuing, it was reported that FRED G. van den HAAK has served as the Club's monthly newsletter for over thirty (30) years, "since 1970"! That Must Be A Record! Recent PCC meeting speaker has been MICHAEL S. TURRINI, who spoke on *'The Carnegie Medal'*, at the Club's April 12, 2004, displaying four actual Carnegie Medals and distributing complimentary brochures and Annual Reports provided by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Just been reading my files and noticed am missing a few recent RECC monthly newsletters. The RECC played Bingo at its March 10, 2004 meeting with the team of 'Lee and Merle' calling the games, referring to LEE H. GONG and MERLE AVILA. The participants were paired, and "when one person won, his or her teammate also won: one received a gold coin and the other won a Silver Eagle…we have a pair of natural bingo players in the Club: the team of MARIA AISPURO and GALE LOPEZ won three of the Bingo Games!". Other winning teams were JONATHAN and BILL STEELE, CURTIS SMITH and STEVE ARIETTA, CHRIS and BRANDON VINSON, ANITA SUYEYOSHI and DAVIA AVILA, and GLENN COLEMAN and NEAL CONNER. Nice 'Team Work'!

RENO COIN CLUB Our friends in The Silver State sent its April 2004 RENO CARTWHEEL. Information on the Club may be contacted via *'PO Box 5178, Reno, Nevada, 89503-5178'* or e-mailed at PKWILLIAMS@hotmail.com.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Has installed its 2004 Officers, and they are: BUD RANDOLPH, President, BOB SPACEK, Vice-President, MARION IMEL, Recording Secretary, and MEL DODSON, Treasurer. These Officers, with the entire Club's Board of Directors, were administered the Oath of Office last January 14, 2004 during the Club's Annual Installation Dinner, held at Sacramento, California's famous Italian-culture Dante Club. CHRISTOPHER CIPOLETTI, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Executive

Director, traveled out from Colorado Springs, Colorado, and he advocated and advanced the ANA, before a crowd of sixty-plus (60+) members and guests. Both Your Editor and ANA Governor DR. DONALD H. KAGIN were present and enjoyed the Club's fellowship. Moving-up a few months, BUB UNDERWOOD spoke on 'Utah Territorial Gold' at the Club's March 24, 2004 meeting. Earlier, TOM BOWERS spoke on *'Peace Dollars'* at the Club's January 28, 2004 meeting. As a reminder, the SVCC has its own Website: www.sacvalcc.org.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB At the SJCC's February 11, 2004 meeting, the Giant Show 'n Tell had nineteen participants: DONALD R. BARSI, Long Beach, California, badge, GORDON R. DONNELL, Wells Fargo gold item, JOHN SARTI, golden dollar, ALAN DOUGLASS, elongated coins, MARTHA DAVIS, 2001 Canadian Proof Set, ROBERT THOMAS, 1910S Twenty Dollar Double Eagle, 1870 Two and Half Dollar Quarter Eagle, and 1834 Five Dollar Half Eagle (Wow!), CHUCK CALL, an El Cerrito, California silver medal, RON ISHIZAKI, 1934 Walgreen's World's Fair Medal, WEI CHANG, proof Morgan Dollar, WILLIAM BURKE, 1917 Philippines emergency note, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, "Hawaii' Overprint Silver Certificates, THEDORE CUNNINGHAM, 1898 British Trade Dollar, EDWARD SINS, Potosi, Peru Four Reale, HOWARD WHEELER, new stuff (Folks, That What Was Reported!), RAY JOHNSON, 1803 Ceylon One-Twelfth Rupee, KENNETH BARR, Plainfield, New Jersey token, JAMES STANFORD, 1968 cent paperweight, BRUCE BRAGA, 1877 and 1878 Indian Head Cents, and RYAN JOHNSON, Nazi Germany Two, Five, and Ten Pfennings and Five Mark coins. Later at the Club's March 10, 2004 meeting EDWARD SINS spoke on *'Early Mexican Coinage'*, referring to the Spanish colonial period coinages. SJCC members recently have been hospitalized, but now are home and even attending SJCC meetings, as able, and they are: RICHARD BOSTON, ROBERT SARTI, and FRANK CORRAL.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Seeks New Members and Attendees! The Club would enjoy hearing from local American Numismatic Association (ANA), California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), and even Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) members. You may contact the Club *via 'PO Box 880994, San Francisco, California, 94188-0994'* or e-mail to EMPERORI@juno.com. The Club's new meeting location is ideal: easy to reach via public transportation, neat and clean, and modern: Community Room, Taraval Police Station, 2345 24th Avenue, off Taraval, San Francisco. The February 27, 2004 meeting was a success: good attendance, new members, and a free dinner, at San Francisco, California's famous Taraval Street eatery, Tennessee Grill. The same Officers continue, and the Club can claim a new Treasurer, MICHAEL S. TURRINI.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Is seeking designs for its next intended medal issue. An appeal is placed to all NCNAers, whether SSRC members or not. Try Your Luck! Submit A Design! Send to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*. Theme and topic are open. Least anyone here in California forgets, this year, 2004, is the Sesquicentennial of the San Francisco Mint, S-Mint.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Participated at Modesto, California's McHenry Museum 'First Sunday': DOUGLAS DANIELS and RASHA ROBINSON "handed out Show fliers, wooden nickels, and some Club off-medals to the hundreds of youngsters and their families who attended. Our display featured a complete set of the Club's medals including the book about these authored by TERRY WOODWARD". Editor of the SCCC's February 11, 2004 GOLD STRIKE had an interesting article titled 'Catch The Collecting Bug': "If you are looking for the buzz on collecting, take a cue from creatures that flourish this time a year: insects. Some of the first true coins pictured beetles, bees, and scorpions. Ancient Greek issues featured these as well as ants, cicadas, grasshoppers, and preying mantises." At this point, the Editor itemized several modern coins with insects, and ended, "you might be bug-eyed to learn how inexpensive and easy it is to explore and collect world coins, bank notes, and stock certificates with insects. These could help you explore the hobby and the natural world around you". Excellent Idea and Thought! 'Insects On Coins'.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Has heard some fine speakers lately: February 4, 2004, *'Baltimore Gold Coin Find'*, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, March 3, 2004, *'You're Out!'* GERALD 'Mr. G' SINGER, and April 7, 2004, *'The Carnegie Medal'*, MICHAEL S. TURRINI again. The VNS' monthly BULLETIN had two commemorative issues, April and May 2004, honoring the Society's Golden Jubilee, Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, 1954-2004. Each issue was much larger than the normal monthly BULLETINS and included excerpts and copies from the Society's history and archives. The May 2004 issue was the actual fiftieth (50th) anniversary issue of the BULLETIN, as the May 1954 issue, then titled 'OFFICIAL BULLETIN' was the issue one. For this the first two

issues, May and June were reprinted. Other reprints and history were included with both issues, including woods. The current Editor, 'Acting' as that position since 1991, is Your Editor, having never been officially appointed or directed to do the chore. Publisher, the 'mailing person', continues JOSEF KLAUS. The Society was honored on its Golden Jubilee with a Resolution of the California State Assembly and Proclamation from the City of Vallejo. Joining the ranks of the Society coveted 'Service Medal' were IRENE CARRILLO, #13, and HARRY W. DAVIS, #14. JOHN and NANCY WILSON became the Society's 'Honorary Members' #7 and #8.

VISALIA COIN CLUB The Club ended 2003 with its 2004 Officers elected, and they are: DAVE SHANKEL, President, BILL TERRY, Vice-President, CAMERON KIEFER, Secretary, and DIXIE TUCK, Treasurer. CAMERON has become the Club's new Editor, and he may be reached at kiefersebay@yahoo..com. President DAVE SHANKEL spoke on 'A Layman's View of Coin Collecting' at either the February 24, 2004 or March 23, 2004 meeting, depending on which newsletter one reads! CAMERON, Please Clarify.

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Written nominations may directly to President Michael M. Stanley *at '2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 94520-2232'. Please Remember:* Deadline June 30, 2004!

Another Award

In delayed follow-up to earlier mentions in NCNA HEADS AND TALES, there is a proposal that the Association establishes and endows another award and honor. Specifics have yet to be confirmed by the Board of Directors; but, it is hoped that this new award, something less restrictive and more open than the august 'Miller Medal', might be implemented for calendar year 2005.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

As this Issue being prepared and printed, **no** date for the next Board of Directors Meeting has been scheduled. President Michael M. Stanley is planning one for either June or July, in the Fremont, California or South Bay area. Inquiries may be to *'925-825-0649'* or xsteamerx@aol.com.

Coin Show Schedule

Again, one of the most popular and readily used services of our Association is its periodic 'Coin Show Schedule'. Fred G. van den Haak coordinates this service, and he may be reached at *'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 49306-0484'*.The concern is that several local coin clubs are not using this Schedule or, just-as-bad, not providing timely information.

2004 Elections

Not intentionally left last, but this year, in the Fall, our Association holds its biannual election for its five listed Executive Officers. President Michael M. Stanley has canvassed the current Officers, and all seem willing to serve another two-year term; however, if any Individual Member would like to advance and serve our Association, written nominations are needed by August 1, 2004, submitted to any Executive Officer. *Consider It.*

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information **early** to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484.

May 2, 2004 **VALLEJO**. Vallejo Numismatic Society 32nd Annual Show, Vallejo Community Center, 225 Amador Street, off Georgia in West Vallejo. Info: 510-547-0518 or 925-825-0649; E Mail: xsteamerx@aol.com or EMPERORI@juno.com.

May. 23, 2004 **ALAMEDA**. Alameda Coin Club Show, Alameda High School Gym, Oak Street & 2220 Central, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.

June 13, 2004 **MERCED**. Gateway Coin Club 31st Annual Coin Expo., Merced Community Senior Center, 755 West 15th Street at "O" Street in downtown Merced. Bourse: Teresa Lund Phone: 1-209-722-2169 or e mail: rtlund@elite.net

Aug. 14-5, 2004 **FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.

Sept. 25-6, 2004 **SACRAMENTO**. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Coin Show, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, Box160122, Sacramento, Ca. 95816. (530) 885-9050

Oct. 31, 2004 **San Jose**. Peninsula Coin Club 25th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.:(650) 498-4158

Nov. 14, 2004 **CONCORD**. Diablo Numismatic Society Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley, c/o D.N.S. P.O. Box 177, Concord, Ca. 94522-0117; e mail: xsteamerx@aol.com or Information: stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.K12.ca.us

Dec. 4-5, 2004 **FREMONT**. NorCal V Coin Show *(The **"N.C.N.A."**) *[**Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show**], Fremont Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Bourse Info: Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511